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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Decision of Rejection that was mailed on August 3, 2004 (together with an English language translation of the same), with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-328584, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-181874, which was published on July 11, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-191010, which was published on July 21, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

(3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-179581, which was published on July 7, 1998, together with patent family member European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 833 266, which was published on April 1, 1998;

(4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-30038, which was published on February 4, 1994, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

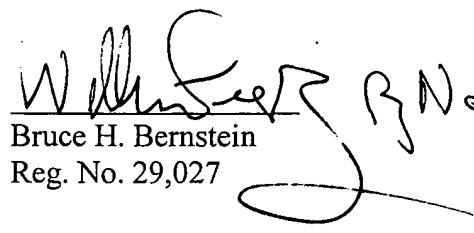
The relevance and the claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the Japanese claims are set forth in the Decision of Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Applicant notes that document (2) was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement and already made of record by the Examiner, and thus a copy is not being provided herewith. Copies of documents (1), (3), and (4) are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Furthermore, Applicant certifies that documents (1), (3), and (4) were first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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